



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Masahiro SHIOJI**

Group Art Unit: **2615**

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2005, and having a response due date initially set for December 22, 2005. A petition for one-month extension of time is filed concurrently herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 22, 2006. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.